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WSP Announces New Internet Site

The Washington State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Division now has photographs on the WSP Web site of defective equipment on commercial motor vehicles found during inspections. Photos show some of the most common defects found when officers perform inspections on commercial trucks and trailers.

Commercial Vehicle Division personnel performed 137,162 commercial vehicle inspections in 2003. Inspections were up 18% from 2002, and show an overall increase of 113% in the last four years.

“There continues to be a direct link between the increase in the number of commercial motor vehicle inspections and the decrease in the number of fatality collisions involving commercial vehicles. The new Web site allows the public to view the kinds of defects we are finding and requiring to be repaired, making the highways safer for all of us,” stated Chief Lowell M. Porter.

The WSP Web site can be found at <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/traveler/defecteq.htm>

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